

**Alcoa Primary Metals**

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Federal Caucus Comment Record
c/o BPA-PL
707 W. Main Street, Suite 500
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Dear Federal Caucus:

The Constitution of the United States is the basic law of the land. Its preamble states:

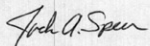
We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

While each of the 9 federal agencies that comprise the Federal Caucus are deliberating the direction of the All-H paper and how to fulfill their individual responsibilities under a complex matrix of confusing, overlapping and often-conflicting law, we ask that you keep the above fundamentals in mind. While science-based alternatives should be, and are, at the heart of your deliberations, there are questions and uncertainties surrounding the current state of scientific knowledge that prevent science from being the only consideration. In light of this uncertainty, you need to recommend actions that will best "promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity".

You need to provide clear, consistent goals, and policy direction that will focus our limited resources on solutions that will benefit the people of the United States. Salmon are a benefit to the people of the United States in many ways and deserves our attention and resources. At the same time we should not take actions that will have an overall adverse impact on the general welfare of the people. The Federal Caucus needs to develop a road map for all involved federal entities and set priorities that will result in the greatest benefit for salmon with the least adverse impact on people. This means you will have to examine all impacts on the salmon, and not impulsively act when the science is unclear, but the adverse impact on people is a certainty.

We are currently spending huge amounts of resources on Columbia and Snake River dams and their operations without commensurate efforts in other areas of potential problem. The All-H paper should balance efforts on the hydroelectric system with efforts in habitat, hatchery, harvest and ocean conditions. Only by fully understanding all of these factors will you be able to meet your goals and your constitutional mandate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jack A. Speer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "J".

Jack A. Speer
Northwest Energy Leader